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NOTES.

File No. 182-26

FILE HEADING.

Direct correspondence between Admin. Officers
and Medical Officers

From

Mr D. G. D. D. D.

No. C. 1648/26 Dated 25/26. 3. 27 Received 28. 3. 27

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwarding a file of correspondence on the above subject. Keep
the D. G. D. D. D. & requesting orders in the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Subordinate. The practice all over appears
to be direct correspondence between the local
medical & admin. officers in respect of post-holders
of the matter, but the certificate given by the
local medical officer requires to be counter-
signed by the D. M. O. to address the local
medical officer that the D. G. D. D. D. may be in convenience & cause.

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delay. Not as certificate given by the
Inspector. Any (local) is combined signed
by the D.M.O., for his professional opinion
on the same as indicated & doubt for
verification & commitment
which may perhaps be added &
also that the D.M.O., the ordinary
letter being replied to direct
the local office. The senior surgeon
of the hospital & not seem to have
en based on any G.O.

See memo on
file of the G.O. of the
Dist. Bangalore

Please intimate
whether there is any
order to the effect that
the Ash Marten certificate
framed by Subitrat Surgery
should be countersigned
by the Dist. Medical
officer. If so please
quote the number
& date of the said G.O.
order.

The by protesting the D.F. Mysore
the perulthomali para of his letter
3.27 to the D.F.P. may perhaps be
permed.

For order

3) The G.M. Pr. (Med. Sec.) may
also be consulted.

4) What is the object of the
Commission signature of the D.M.O.?

Please put up if there is any
G.O. or rule on the point.

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Encl. Proctor branch

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in
trans. to Misbahab.

Copy. Reply.

P.T.O.

From the slip attached it will be seen
that is a fo. on the subject. As the Medical
officer for cannot readily trace the
to the senior surgeon is perhaps

To apply to the D.M.O.

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Letter to Dir B 927 dated 25th April 27
7) States that under rule 23 of the Post
mortem rules approved of by Govt in their
order no 578-20/mad 253-08-2, dated 11/1/27,
the D.M.O.s are to countersign the post-mortem
certificates granted by medical subordinates
& to be taken up for on the subject.
Hitherto provided.

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26/4/27

8) Medical file 253-08-2 is submitted.
File relating to Govt no 554-5/8176 D) 47-94
is found to be missing with the bundle of papers for
1894-95 of the General Branch (vide requisition etc.).

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28/4/27. 9) Reference is made to Rule 23
of the Rules for conducting Post mortem Exams.
It does not specifically state that the Post-
mortem certificates granted by the Medical
Subordinates are to be countersigned by the
D.M.O.s. It requires that a copy of the certificate
to be sent by the Examining Med Officer to the
D.M.O. for such remarks, as he may deem
necessary. It also provides for the D.M.O. having
another examⁿ, if he has reason to be dissatisfied
with the examⁿ already made.

(10) Subd with reference to para 4. The
object of the countersignature is evidently to give
an opportunity to the D.M.O. to satisfy himself
if the examⁿ by the subordinate & his report are
adequate.

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11) In the matter of a post mortem certificate given by the Sub Assistant Surgeon of Gundalpet and countersigned by the District Medical Officer, Mysore, the District Superintendent of Police of Mysore asked for further information on certain points bearing on the post mortem certificate and the Sub Assistant Surgeon in reply stated that the correspondence on the subject might be transmitted through the District Medical Officer of Mysore. On the District Superintendent of Police making a reference on this point to the District Medical Officer of Mysore, the latter was also of opinion that correspondence on such matter should be through the District Medical Officer and not direct with the Sub Asst. Surgeon. The Superintendent of Police then moved the Inspector General of Police on this point. The I.G. consulted the Senior Surgeon who in reply to the Inspector General stated that ^{the} Medical Officer as counter signing officer had equal responsibilities with the Sub Asst. Surgeon and as such he thought it was right that -- further correspondence connected with ~~XXXXXX~~ certificates have to be made through the D. Medical Officer. The Inspector General of Police consulted the District Magistrate of

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Mysore who is of opinion that it would lead to unnecessary delay if correspondence on -- such matter is to be made through the District Medical Officer and suggested that the Sub -- Asst. Surgeon may be given the option to send a copy through the District Medical Officer whenever professional opinion on an intricate point is furnished. He also pointed out that in other Districts the practice was that the investigating Police Officer ^{made} ~~has~~ direct reference to Medical Officers concerned and that similar practice was in vogue in British --- India also. The Inspector General of Police concurs with the opinion of the District Magistrate and differs from the opinion of the -- Senior Surgeon. He also points out that --- under the Criminal Procedure Code officers in charge of the police stations can examine ~~the~~ witnesses in cases they are investigating and that the Medical Officers who grant certificates may as witnesses be examined by ~~the~~ --- investigating officers, and seeks Govt. orders in the matter.

✓ The rules on the subject of granting post mortem certificates are contained in one file ¹⁰"L". Rule 23 says - "When the Medical Officer is working under the orders of a District -- Medical Officer he shall also at the time when

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he sends or hands over to the police his report of a post mortem examination just -- completed by him send a copy of the same to his District Medical Officer who will enter thereon such remarks as he may deem necessary and return it without delay to the examining Medical Officer. The latter shall make a copy of the District Medical Officer's remarks in his own office copy and then send on the report containing the District Medical Officer's remarks to the Police authority to -- whom he sent his original report. Whenever a District Medical Officer has reason to be dissatisfied with the post mortem examination conducted by a medical subordinate, he may -- himself hold or depute any other competent officer under his orders to hold another examination." The Govt. Proceedings G.O. 176 dated 11th Jul, 1894 (Flag Y) stated that it was a part of District Surgeon's duty to examine and countersign or record opinion on post mortem certificates granted by Medical Officers in their Districts inferior in rank to them. This rule is perhaps superseded by the rules of 1909. Flag "I".

13 It is therefore evident that the original requisition for a post mortem certificate -- is made direct to the Asst. Surgeon and

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^{not} not through the Medical Officer, that the Sub Asst. Surgeon gives the post mortem certificate himself direct to the Police Officer and not through the Medical Officer, that the Medical Officer countersigns only a copy of the certificate given by the Sub Asst. Surgeon and sends it on to the investigating officer. The reason urged by the Senior Surgeon for this correspondence ^{passing} ~~should pass~~ through the Lt. Medical Officer is that the Lt. Medical Officer as countersigning officer is equally responsible with the Sub Asst. Surgeon in respect of certificates.

There seems to be some force in what the Senior Surgeon says ^{is not proper} that the Sub Asst. Surgeon should be allowed to give information or his own opinion on matters required by the investigating officer without the knowledge of the Lt. Medical Officer and as the countersigning officer has some responsibilities in the matter. There is also some force in the inconvenience pointed out by the Inspector General of Police that the correspondence on all matters ^{passing} through the Lt. Medical Officer would entail delay. The I.G. of Police seems to be correct in saying that the Sub Asst. Surgeon may be examined by the investigating officer as a witness under the Criminal Procedure Code. (The Lt. Inspector of Mysore points out that this is being done in British India)

15 It is submitted that the difficulties ^{argued} ~~argued~~ on either side may perhaps be

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over by the following procedure, viz., when
investigating officer wants any further in-
formation on the certificate granted by the
Asst. Surgeon, the Sub Asst. Surgeon may
^{his} the opinion to the investigating officer and
send a copy of it to the Lt. Medical Officer
who may, if he differs from the Sub Asst.
send his own opinion to the investigating
officer just as he does under rule 20 ^{reference} it. ~~it~~
to the original certificate. On matters in
which the District Medical Officer has given
opinion on the original certificate different
from that of the Sub Asst. Surgeon, the
Surgeon may instead of himself giving the
opinion forward ^{the requisition} to the District Medical
for furnishing information required by the
Police. The general Secretary may also be
Cancelled.

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15 I am in general agreement with
the view above view. The procedure
indicated at A, may perhaps be followed.

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17 I agree

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18 I member

Dr. A. C.

19 Draft sent.

20/5/27

Recd. by

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As the proposed order amends the
Govt order in the Medical Section, the file
may perhaps be sent to the Rm Branch
for further action.

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21 Please put a draft and notes
of paras 11 to 15 but briefly.

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enforcement.

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Please type the draft as required

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25 Draft Subd.

26 It may be ruled through the
Genl Secy.

Secy Ld)

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thru Genl Secy

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For favour of issue

G.M.)

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To The Sr Insp, The G. P. Police
The Dist Magistrate of Distts.
Issuing instructions re the procedure to
be adopted while granting post-mortem
certificates by medical officers.

*Prescribed
on 29/6/27*

*M. G. M.
29/6/27*

No.C 1648 of 26.

Office of the

Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

Dated Bangalore 25th March 1927.

From

P.F. Bowring, Esqr. J.P.,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

Bangalore.

To

B. Nagappa, Esqr. Bar-at-law.,

Secretary to the Government of Mysore,

Law Department.

Sir,

In enclosing a file of correspondence and also copy of letter No. H.Cr.25 of 26 dated the 5th instant received from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, ^{regarding} direct correspondence between the Officers of the Police Department and the Officers of the Medical Department who grant certificates in Police cases in respect of certificates granted by them, I have the honor to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore is of opinion that if correspondence is carried on through the District Medical Officer it would cause un-necessary delay in the investigation and disposal of cases, I fully agree with him in the opinion.

2. The reasons urged by the Deputy Commissioner in his letter under reference for direct correspondence are sound and the practice is in conformity with the practice prevailing in British India.

3. The opinion of the Senior Surgeon is that the correspondence should be carried through the District Medical Officer. This will not be workable and sound.

The Criminal Procedure Code authorises the Officers in charge of Police Stations to examine witnesses (whether official or non-officials) in cases they are investigating. The Medical Officers who grant certificates are witnesses in cases in which they grant certificates.

4. I therefore request that you will be so good as to

It is highly expedient that all doubtful points of fact and observation are cleared up then and there, by the investigating officer by questioning the local Medical Officer direct, omission and delays may open the door to failure of justice.

It is ascertained that in other Districts the practice is that Investigating Police Officers make direct references to Medical Officers concerned, whenever further medical opinion is required by them in respect of Post mortem and other certificates (Vide Pherist Nos 14 to 18) The same practice is in vogue in British India also and the Police there even go the length of recording the statements of the Medical Officers granting the certificates, whenever further details are to be elicited (Vide Pherist No. 13)

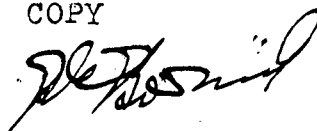
Even in this District except in the instance which has occasioned this reference, all references were and are being made by the Police Officers direct to the concerned Medical Officers who readily respond to them.

For the aforesaid reasons, I request that Government may be kindly moved for definite orders so as to set this matter at rest.

The Sub Assistant Surgeons may however be given the option to send their reply through the District Medical Officer whenever their professional opinion on an intricate point is furnished and not merely further facts or details observed during Post Mortem or clinical examination of a patient.

Records as per Pherist accompany.

COPY



Inspector General of Police.

P H E R I S T.

1. Letter No. Dis. A.334 dated 20-1-27 from the Senior Surgeon to the Inspector General of Police and reference No. N.R.C. 1648/26 dated 21-1-27 from the Inspector General of Police to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, thereon.
2. Copy of letter No. H.Cr.25 of 26 dated 17-12-26 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore to the Inspector General of Police, through the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.
3. Copy of reference No. H.Cr.25/26-27 dated 22-11-26 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore to the Sub Assistant Surgeon, Chamarajangar.
4. Copy of reply No. 146/dated 26-11-26 from the Sub Assistant Surgeon, Chamarajangar, to the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore.
5. Copy of letter No. H.Cr.25/26-27 dated 27-11-26 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, to the District Medical Officer, Mysore.
6. Copy of reply No. O.C. 1779 dated 1-12-26 from the District Medical Officer, Mysore, to the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore.
7. Copy of letter No. H.Cr.25/26-27 dated 7-12-26 from the D.S.P. Mysore, to the District Medical Officer, Mysore.
8. Copy of reply Gl. No. 2368 dated 15-12-26 from the District Medical Officer, Mysore to the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore.
- ~~9. Copy of letter No. H.Cr.25/26-27 dated 27-11-26 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, to the District Medical Officer, Mysore.~~
- ~~9.10.~~ Copy of reference No. 2261 dated 13-12-26 from the District Medical Officer, Mysore to the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, forwarding the report No. 172 dated 8-12-26 of the Sub Assistant Surgeon, Chamarajangar.
10. Copy of letter No. H.Cr.25 of 26-27 dated 4-1-27 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore to the District Medical Officer, Mysore.

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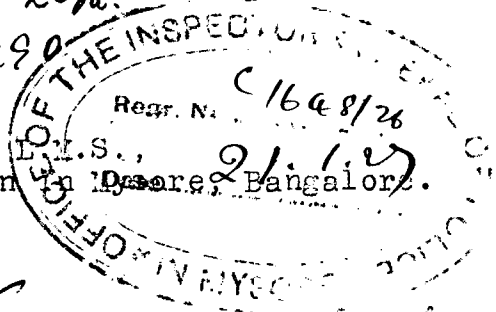
Office of the Senior Surgeon in Mysore,
Bangalore, dated 20th January 1927.

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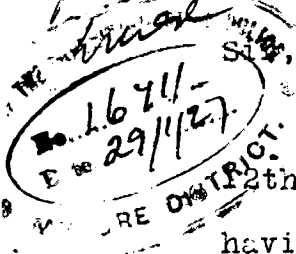
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From

Dr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L.M.S.,
Senior Surgeon in Mysore, Bangalore.



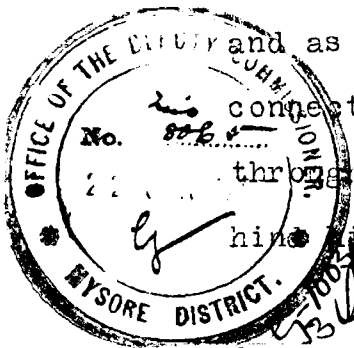
The Inspector General
of Police, in Mysore, Bangalore.



With reference to your letter No.C.1648/26, dated
21/1/27, in the matter of ~~training~~

having direct correspondence between the investigat-
ing Officers of the Police Department and the Officers
of the Medical Department who grant certificates in
Police cases, I have the honour to state that the
District Medical Officers as countersigning Officers
have equal responsibilities with the certifying
medical subordinates in respect of the certificates

and as such it is but right that further correspondence
connected with such certificates has to be made to pass
through him and cannot be allowed to be carried on be-
hind him. The delay said to be involved could be



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Letter No. H.Cr.25 of 26 dated the 17th December 1926, to the Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, to the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, THROUGH THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MYSORE DISTRICT.

I have the honor to bring to your kind notice the following:

In H.C.25 of 26-27 of Gundlupet Vasaba Range, the Post Mortem certificate was received by the Police Inspector on 18-11-1926. For the elucidation of further information thereon I made a reference on 22-11-1926 to the Sub Assistant Surgeon of Channarayana who held the Post Mortem examination requesting him to furnish his opinion on certain points. In his reply dated 26-11-1926 he stated that any correspondence on the subject might be transmitted through the District Medical Officer. Then on 27-11-1926 I addressed the District Medical Officer in the matter. In his reply dated 1-12-1926, he stated that the reference for further information ought to have been sent to the Sub Assistant Surgeon through him and not direct. Again I addressed the District Medical Officer on 7-12-1926 requesting him to send me a copy of the departmental order on the subject for information as the procedure suggested by him was a deviation from the existing practice. In reply he has stated that direct correspondence with the Sub Assistant Surgeon should be avoided.

I beg to state that such procedure would entail lot of delay in the investigation of cases. Until now in all matters relating to the Post Mortem and other certificates, references were sent through the Police Officers, whenever they required further information, direct to the concerned Medical Officer who were and are still replying the matter directly and promptly.

It is the request of the District Medical Officer that the direct communication through the Police Officers entails unnecessary delay and loss of time, thereby hampering

From
The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

To
The Sub Assistant Surgeon,
Chamarajanagar.

Dated 22-11-26.
No.H.Cr.25/26-27.

With reference to the Post Mortem certificate furnished by him as to the cause of death of one Singiah in No.7 dated 14-11-26, has the honour to request to be informed (1) as to ~~gkxxx~~ *the* grounds on which he bases his opinion that shock has preceded asphyxia, (2) which of the injuries mentioned in the certificate have ~~been~~ caused ~~of~~ shock and (3) how they might have been caused to the deceased.

The symptoms of the body found by him indicating that shock has preceded asphyxia may be mentioned.

An ~~early~~ *early* reply is requested.

Sd/-K. Siddharamappa.

Superintendent of Police
Mysore District.

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From

The Sub Assistant Surgeon,
L.P. Dispensary,
Chamarajanagar.

To

The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.
Camp Chamarajanagar.

No.146/26-11-26.

Sir,

With reference to your No.H.Cr.25/26-27, I have the honour to inform you that the Post Mortem certificate in question has been countersigned by the District Medical Officer, Mysore and has been forwarded to the Inspector of Police, Gundlupet. Any correspondence on the subject may ~~kind~~ kindly be transmitted through the District Medical Officer, Mysore (the immediate superior).

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- S.K. Raman
Sub Assistant Surgeon.

Copy
Shri Raman
Superior

From The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

To The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

Dated 27-11-26.
No.H.Cr.25/26-27.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copies of my communication to the Sub Assistant Surgeon, Chamarajanagar and his reply thereto touching the Post Mortem certificate granted by him regarding the dead body of one Singiah, I have the honor to request to be informed (1) how the opinion (a) that there was shock and (b) that it preceded asphyxia, was arrived at, (2) a) which are the specific injuries that have caused shock and (b) how they should have been caused and (3) whether the shock referred to in the certificate could have also caused death. (4) Why the Post Mortem certificate was despatched on the 17th instant, while the Post Mortem examination was held on the 14th idem.

I am constrained to put these queries in that from the inquest report it is clear that none of the injuries referred to in the Post Mortem certificate were found on the body at the time of inquest and in that the Police enquiry and the spot inspection clearly belie the theory of homicide which the Post Mortem certificate suggests.

In this connection, it may not be out of place to inform you, being new to the District, that this is not the first Post Mortem certificate inconsistent and irreconcilable with the Police enquiry, which this Sub Assistant Surgeon has given.

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From The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

To The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 1-12-26.
No.O.C.1779/1-12-26.

His No.H.C.25/26-27 dated 25-11-26 with reference to the above, has the honour to state that the above reference ought to have been sent to the Sub Assistant Surgeon through this Office and not direct.

Sd/-B. Krishna Moorthy.Rao

District Medical Officer
Mysore Division.

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B. Krishna Moorthy
B.S.P

From
The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

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To
The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

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Dated 7-12-26.
No.H.Cr.25/26-27.

In reply to his docket No.1779 dated 1-12-26 stating that the reference in question ought to have been sent to the Sub Assistant Surgeon, ChamaraJanagar through the District Medical Officer and not direct, has the honour to request that a copy of the departmental order on the subject may kindly be sent to this Office for reference since it would be essential to address the Senior Surgeon for the modification of such an order which if in force would entail lot of delay in investigation of cases,. Uptil now in all matters relating to the Post Mortem and other certificates correspondence pertaining to the elucidation of further information thereon, was being made by the Police Officers direct with the medical Officer granting such certificates without any hitch whatsoever including the officers under reference. Why there should have been a deviation from the existing practice by the said officer may also be kindly intimated.

A very early reply is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Sd/-K. Siddharamappa.

Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Siddharamappa
Superintendent of Police

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From

The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

To

The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 15-12-26.
Gl.No.2368.

Sir,

With reference to your No.H.Cr.25/26-28 dated 7-12-26, I have the honour to state that the procedure as a rule regarding the correspondence should always seek the proper channel and this has been in practice all along. Such time as may be needed for the correct procedure ought to be allowed, and if direct communication is needed, it should be under very extraordinary circumstances, which should have been intimated to the District Medical Officer immediately.

Direct correspondence with the Sub Assistant Surgeons would lead to complication and should be avoided as far as reasonable in

From
The Sub Assistant Surgeon,
L.P. Dispensary, Chamarajanagar.

To
The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

No. 172/E4/8-12-26.

With reference to your No. 1780 L2 dated 1-/12/26, forwarding Superintendent of Police, No. H. Cr. 25/26-27 dated 29-11-26, I beg to state that (1) (a) Shock might have been produced either by injury as stated in column 1 under cranium and spinal cord or by injury as stated in column 3 under groin to urinary organs (6) asphyxia might have been caused as a result of Hanging which must have occurred after shock as stated in (1) (a) (2) (b) as replied in (1) (a). (b) Injury stated in ~~column~~^{col} 1 under cranium and spinal cord might have been caused by external ~~violence~~^{violence} such as a fall or blow and injury stated in column 3 under groin to urinary might have been caused by rough handling. (3) Shock might also cause death. (4) Post Mortem certificate for the delay has been explained already in this office No. 131 dated 16-11-26.

I regret to state that if the Police fail to notice the injuries in the inquest report, it is not a fault of mine and I will be failing in my duty if I should over-look them. ~~It~~ If the Superintendent of Police believes that the inspection of the spot indicates clearly the theory of Homicide, he could have disposed off all cases by inspecting the spots instead of sending bodies for Post Mortem examination, thus avoiding all such unnecessary correspondances, which he has been doing especially with Medical subordinates.

In this connection, I beg to state it may also not be out of place to inform you; being new to the District, that this is not the first time that the statements and correspondances which are equally inconsistent and irreconcilable with Post Mortem certificates given by Medical subordinates which this Superintendent of Police has been doing especially more so in my case. This is not the 1st occasion where he is showing his behavior as unwholesome and ~~un~~^{to be} business like. While I was at Bangalore

From

The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

To

The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

Dated 4-1-27.
No. H.Cr.25/26-27.

With reference to his No. 2261 of 13-12-26 forwarding the Chamaraingar Sub Assistant Surgeon's letter No. 172 of 8-12-26 addressed to him, has the honour to state that the marginally noted queries No. 1 (a) and (b) referred to in this office No. H.Cr.25/26-27 of 27-11-26, do not seem to have been fully answered and to request the favour of an answer thereto.

It is further requested to be informed (1) how it is possible to say that shock preceded asphyxia, (2) whether the deceased died of shock or by hanging (3) whether the symptoms noted under Column 11 'Cranium and Spinal canal' in the Post Mortem certificate could not be the result of hanging.

The favour of every early reply is requested.

Sd/- K. Siddharamappa.
Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

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[Signature]
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1. How the opinion (a) that there was shock and (b) that it preceded asphyxia, was arrived at.

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From

The Sub Assistant Surgeon,
Local Fund Dispensary,
Chamarajangar.

To

The District Medical Officer,
Mysore Division.

Dated 31-1-27.
No. J.1824/31-1-27.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 275 dated 6-1-27 forwarding District Superintendent of Police No. H.Cr. 25/26-27 dated 4-1-27, I beg to state that (1) from the ante-mortem changes found in the body, I had to infer that shock and asphyxia were present. (2) since symptoms of asphyxia were present death must have been due to asphyxia (3) as far as my humble knowledge goes, I think it is not possible.

I beg to state I am at a loss to understand why these searching questions are being put.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- G. Kothandaraman.
Sub Assistant Surgeon,
Chamarajangar.

No. 3363/31-1-27.

Forwarded with compliments to the Superintendent of Police Mysore, with reference to his No. H.Cr.25/26-27 dated 4-1-27.

Sd/- B. Krishnamurthy.
District Medical Officer.
Mysore

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Office of the District Superintendent
of Police, Mysore, dated 31-2-27.

H.Cr.No.25/26-27.

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The Inspector of Police Coorg is requested to kindly intimate to this office the existing practice in the matter of correspondence whenever further opinion by way of elucidation in respect of post mortem and other certificates is required.

Do such references pass through the District Medical Officer or direct to the Medical Officer concerned?

An early reply is awaited.

Sd/- H.N. Narayana Rao.
Head Quarter Inspector,
Mysore District.

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Returned to the Head Quarter Inspector, Mysore. If any further details are to be decided from the Medical Officers who granted the certificates, we generally record their statement in detail in cases where this is possible. In other cases the Medical Officers themselves will be addressed in the matter. This arrangement will prevent a lot of delay. If the medical Officer wants us to send a reference through his official superior, that is also done.

Sd/- Illegible.
Inspector of Police.

5-2-27.

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From

The Superintendent of Police,
Hassan District.

To

The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 2x4-2-27.
No. Mis. 605/4-2-27

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. H.C.25/26-27 dated 31-1-27, I have the honour to state that the Investigating Officers generally correspond direct with the Medical Officers holding Post Mortem Examinations on their own initiative or under orders from the District Police Office.

There are also instances of direct correspondence between the District Superintendent of Police and the District Medical Officer when necessity arises.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Sd/- R.A. Dunning.
Superintendent of Police,
Hassan District.

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From

C. Everard, Esq.,
Superintendent of Police,
Shimoga District.

To

K. Siddharamappa, Esq., B.A.,
Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 7th Feb. 27.
No. D2 Dis 167/26-27.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. H.C.25 dated 2nd February 1927, enquiring whether the Investigating Officers in this District are in the practice of making direct references to and get replies from the Medical Officers without the medium of the District Medical Officers whenever further opinion in respect of Post Mortem and other certificate is required, I have the honour to reply in the affirmative.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- C. Everard.
Superintendent of Police,
Shimoga District.

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From The Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

To The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 9-2-27.

No. D2 Dis 268/26-27.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. H.Cr. 25/26-27 dated the 2nd instant, regarding the correspondence with Medical Officers, I have the honour to state that there is a practice here, that the Investigating Officers themselves will make direct correspondence in such matters with the Medical Officers concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- Shirajudin.

Superintendent of Police,
Bangalore District.

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From The Superintendent of Police,
Kolar District.

To The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 11/14-2-27.
No. ~~Gx~~.O.C. 259/26-27.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. H.C.25/
26-27 dated 2-2-27 enquiring about the existing
practice in the matter of getting further medi-
cal opinion by the investigating officers, I
have the honour to state that the practice
in this District is that investigating Police
Officers make direct references to Medical
Officers concerned whenever further Medical
opinion is required by them in respect of Post
Mortem and other certificates.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
Sd- G. Sundarai *Gov*
Superintendent of Police,
Kolar District.

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From The Superintendent of Police,
Kadur District.

To The Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Dated 14/15th Feb. 27.

No. Gl. M 11490/26-27.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. H.C. 25/26-27 dated the 2nd instant requesting to be informed of the existing practice in this District in the matter of correspondence between the Investigating Police Officers and Medical Officers wherever further opinion is required in respect of Post Mortem and other certificates I have the honour to state that there are instances to show that on the observations made on such certificates in this office to get further points elicited, the Investigating Officers have corresponded direct with the Medical Officers concerned and furnished information in respect of the same and that the further opinion called for has not been refused to be given on the plea that it is not come through the Medium of the District Medical Officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- *R. M. Ranajodh Singh*
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District Superintendent of
Police, Kadur District.

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Office of the Superintendent of
Police, Chitaldrug District.

Dated, Chitaldrug 3-3-1927.

From

the Superintendent of Police,
Chitaldrug District.

To

the Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District.

Sir,

With reference to your No. H.Cr.25/26-27 dated 2-2-27 regarding correspondence between medical and investigating officers in respect of Post Mortem and other certificates etc., I have the honour to state the practice in this District is that the investigating officers make references direct to the Medical officers and obtain the necessary informations and not through the District Medical officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Sd/- S. Narayana Rao.
Superintendent of Police.
Chitaldrug District.

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Mysore District.

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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section *Pol*
File No. *182-26*
Serial No. *✓*

No.

15306

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

Mr. Lennert Lennert
in Mysore

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in,

Date of issue.....

8/4/27

With ref to your letter no:

Signed by.....

M. T. S.

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H. R. C. 1648/26 of 20.1.27 to the

of opinion of direct correspondence
with medical officers in (Post Mortem
and other connected subjects by the

I am directed to report you in
the report and to forward a copy

the following particulars regarding
the completion of the

List of enclosures.....

to completion
has been presented to post mortem
certificates granted by
medical subordinates. I have

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MYSORE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Office of the Senior Surgeon in Mysore,
Bangalore, dated 8th April 1927.

No. *Dis. B927*
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Pol. 182-26-3

From

Dr. B. Mahomed Usmon, L.M.S.,
Senior Surgeon with the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The General Secretary
to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter No. P.5306/Pol. 182-26-1 dated 8th April 1927, I have the honour to state that, under rule 23 of the Post Mortem Rules, approved of by Government in their Order No. 518-20/Med.253-03-2, dated 14th July 1909, the District Medical Officers are to countersign the post mortem certificates granted by Medical Subordinates. Copies of the Government Orders in the matter, are herein enclosed as desired in your letter under reference.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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M. Usmon

Senior Surgeon.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore

Government Proceedings No. 854-5/G.176, dated the 11th July 1894, ruling that it is a part of the District Surgeon's duty to examine and countersign or record opinion on post mortem certificates granted by Medical Officers in their districts inferior in rank to them.

2. Letter No. 340, dated the 23rd October 1905, from the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner forwarding copies of the correspondence between himself and the District Magistrate of Shimoga, and requesting sanction to the proposal made therein by him, that the Sub Assistant Surgeons doing duty in district Hospital may also be authorised to countersign postmortem reports during the absence of the District Medical and Sanitary Officers from their Head Quarters, but that in cases where the Sub Assistant Surgeon does not agree with the opinion of the Hospital Assistant, he may not endorse his opinion but get the District Medical and Sanitary Officer to give his opinion and countersign the report.

Order thereon No. 6774-83/Med. 117-05,2, dated 29th December 1905.

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The proposal of the Senior Surgeon is sanctioned. In all cases in which the Sub Assistant Surgeons countersign post mortem reports they must note thereon the absence from Head Quarters of the District Medical and Sanitary Officers.

sd. C. Venkata Rao,
Secretary.

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Med 190-26-1

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H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

G.O.No. 578-20/Med.253-08-2 dated
14th July 1909 approving of the Rules
for the conduct of Post mortem examina-
tions.

2. Letter No.C.1648 dated 25/26th
March 1927, from the Inspector General
of Police in Mysore, submitting for --
orders correspondence with the Senior
Surgeon and the Deputy Commissioner, --
Mysore District, on the subject of --
direct correspondence between the in-
vestigating Police Officers and the Subor-
-dinate Medical officers granting post
mortem certificates on points bearing on
the latter, and stating that it would lead
to unnecessary delay if correspon-
dence in such matters is to be made thro'
the District Medical Officer as required
by the Senior Surgeon.

Order No. P. 13249-58

Dated Bangalore, 27th June 1927.

According to rule 23 of the Post
Mortem Rules, the medical officer to whom
a requisition is made, is required to
furnish the post mortem certificate direct
to the Police officer, furnishing simul-
taneously to his official superior a copy
thereof for countersignature and return to
him for transmission to the Investigating
officer

officer. The Senior Surgeon considers that all further correspondence should pass -- through ^{the} District Medical Officer as he -- shares the responsibility for the certificate with his subordinate and as he should not be kept in the dark as regards further information or opinion furnished by his subordinate on matters referred to him by the investigating officer. The District Magistrate, Mysore, and ^{the} I.G. of Police contend that the adoption of the procedure -- suggested by the Senior Surgeon would cause great inconvenience and a lot of ^{avoidable} ~~considerable~~ delay and that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon may be examined as a witness by the investigating officer ^{under the Cr. Pro. code} and the information required elicited directly from him.

Order No. F.

Dated Bangalore, 1927.

2 - The difficulties urged on either side are justified and in order to get over them Government direct that the following procedure may be adopted in future:-

" Whenever the investigating officer wants any further information on the certificate granted by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon, the same may be furnished by the latter,

being forwarded at the same time
~~may~~ ^{should} furnish a copy of it to the D.M.O., who ^{is the Sub-Assistant Surgeon} send his own opinion ^{for communication to} the investigating officer ^{with a copy of it to the S.A.S.} just as he does with reference to the original certificate.

On matters on which the D.M.O. has given

an opinion on the original certificate
different from that of the Sub-Asst. Sur-
geon, the latter ^{8/5} ~~may~~ instead of himself
giving ^{any further} ~~the~~ opinion, forward the requisition to the D.M.O. for furnishing the information required by the Police.

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Secretary, Law Department.

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The Senior Surgeon with the Govt.

" Inspector General of Police.

" District Magistrates of Dts.

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**Government of His Highness the Maharaja
of Mysore.**

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

G. O. No. 13249-58/Med. 190-26-1 Dated, Bangalore, 27th June 1927.

Post Mortem Examinations

Prescribes the procedure about furnishing information relating to-----

Read:—

1. Government Order No.518-20/Med.253-08-2, dated the 14th July 1909 approving of the Rules for the conduct of *post mortem* examinations.

2. Letter No.C.1648,dated the 25th/26th March 1927,from the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, submitting for orders correspondence with the Senior Surgeon and the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, on the subject of direct correspondence between the Investigating Police Officers and the Subordinate Medical Officers granting *post mortem* certificates on points bearing on the latter, and stating that it would lead to unnecessary delay if correspondence in such matters is to be made through the District Medical Officer as required by the Senior Surgeon.

ORDER NO.G.13249-58/MED.190-26-1 DATED THE 27TH JUNE 1927.

According to Rule 23 of the *post mortem* Rules, the Medical Officer to whom a requisition is made, is required to furnish the *post mortem* certificate direct to the Police Officer, furnishing simultaneously to his official superior a copy thereof for countersignature and return to him for transmission to the Investigating Officer. The Senior Surgeon considers that all further correspondence should pass through the District Medical Officer as he shares the responsibility for the certificate with his subordinate and as he should not be kept in the dark as regards further information or opinion furnished by his subordinate on matters referred to him by the Investigating Officer. The District Magistrate, Mysore District, and the Inspector-General of Police contend that the adoption of the procedure suggested by the Senior Surgeon would cause great inconvenience and a lot of avoidable delay and that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon may be examined as a witness by the investigation officer under the Criminal Procedure Code and the information required elicited directly from him.

2. The difficulties urged on either side are justified and in order to get over them, Government direct that the following procedure may be adopted in future:—

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